

As the Coronavirus continues to spread and authorities have implemented measures to limit exposure, we continue to get a growing amount of inquiries regarding how Collins Lake will be affected. In short, we do not currently anticipate having any restrictions but are monitoring the guidance of our State's leaders.

Yesterday, Gov. Newsom added restaurants, gyms, health clubs and movie theaters to the list of businesses where people gather in close quarters to be closed. This was in addition to last week's notice that all gatherings of more than 250 people to be canceled through at least the end of March, as well as gatherings of more than 10 at-risk people or of any size if social distancing (6 ft. or more) is not possible. However, travel in general — including to any of California's numerous parks and other outdoor spaces — is unrestricted per Caroline Betata, Visit California CEO. Enjoying uncrowded outdoor activities in fresh air & sunshine like hiking, kayaking or fishing is a reasonably peaceful and healthy option for people during these otherwise stressful times. Therefore, Collins Lake will remain open for normal operations until further notice.

While open, we will be taking some additional health and safety measures to ensure we are providing the safest environment for our guests. We will be increasing efforts throughout the park to implement additional disinfecting and sanitizing efforts, especially in the higher traffic areas. If you have reservations to come to Collins Lake and prefer to self-quarantine yourself or if you have anyone in your party with symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you cancel your reservations until a more appropriate time. 1-800-286-0576 (6:30am-8pm PST).

We will continue to monitor this situation and pass along any updates if anything changes in the coming days.

Lincoln Young, GM

Collins Lake Recreation Area

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